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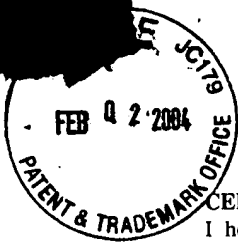
In response to the office action of **December 22, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**Attorney Docket No. OR00-03802**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF )  
Richard R. Wessman )  
Serial No. 09/680,599 )  
Filing Date: October 6, 2000 )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
AUTOMATIC DATABASE ENCRYPTION )

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In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- [x] Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to official action mailed December 22, 2003.
- [ ] A petition for extension of time is also enclosed with a fee of \$0.00 for a one-month extension for a small entity.
- [ ] Terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F. R. § 1.321(c), including
  - [ ] check for \$110.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and
  - [ ] 2 certificates under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- [ ] Information disclosure statement, form 1449 and \_\_\_ references.
- [x] No additional claims fees are required.

☐ An additional fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

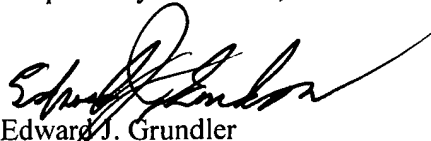
AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS = 24		x \$18 =	\$0
Independent Claims		MINUS = 3	0	x \$84 =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00					
Total Amendment Fee					\$0
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$      to Deposit Account No.      (Docket No.     ).
- ☒ Please deduct any underpayments, credit any overpayments, and charge all required extension of time fees to Deposit Account Number 50-1003. (Docket No. OR00-03802).

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